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NASHVILLE:

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1857.

Whether the South is to be deprived of a free, full and equal participation in, and enjoyment of our territories, is a question in which she has an immense stake. Both pecuniary interest and republican principle, concur in giving this question great importance. Under the operation of the Kansas-Nebraska bill properly interpreted, and so construed as that the people residing permanently in a territory, shall fashion their own institutions without interference, the South would have an fair chance with the North. But if, instead of this interpretation, that bill is to be made the door by which emigrant aid societies are to express through to the territories, car loads and steamboat loads of persons for the single purpose of voting and establishing institutions to suit a fanatical section, rather than to express the wishes of the permanent citizen and settler, and who may turn about the next day and abandon the territory; and if added to this sort of outrage the pauper hordes of the old world, arriving daily in the Eastern and Northern cities to be shipped, as so much luggage or plunder, to the West, free of expense, and who know absolutely nothing of our country and its institutions, and if such as these are to have a voice and vote in the formation of States and new institutions, then indeed, it becomes the South to raise her voice against such violence to right reason and right principle, and to put the seal of her abhorrence and condemnation upon the monstrous injustice. By this sort of process, she will be cut off from all hope of ever sharing in the occupancy of our rich and inviting public domain. It has been the prime object of the abolitionists and free-soilers of the North to bring about just such a state of affairs as this. This has been seen by the whole country in the discussion and vote in Congress on the recent bill providing a territorial government for Minnesota. It was the construction which was placed upon the Kansas-Nebraska bill at the North, and on every occasion recorded of a test of the abolition sentiment and desire upon this subject, this has been the evident object. A single moment's dispassionate reflection ought to convince, and will doubtless convince, the majority of the southern people, that these doctrines, practically executed, will result in the total overthrow of Southern rights and interests in the territories. It narrows the contest down to the simple question, which section can and will throw the greatest number of people into a given territory within a given time. Who can doubt the result? At the North, there is a very large native floating population, which together with the constant influx from foreign countries swell that class, which is transitory in its character and dwells in the hands of fanatical leaders, to a vastly greater number than the settled classes of the South put together. By this means the North is enabled to people a territory with a race of squatters in a few days or a few weeks. When, however the people of the South desire to emigrate, it takes them months to wind up their affairs and transport their families and slaves to the new territories. It requires no knowledge of metaphysics to comprehend these facts, the South already feels their depressing weight, in her efforts to share the settlement of Kansas.

We have charged the leaders of the present democratic party, many of them even at the South, and all of them at the North, with holding to and advocating precisely these rules in the settlement and government of the territories. We now present from the record, proofs that the northern wing of that democracy which professes nationality and an especial friendship for the South, and the free-soilers, hold the same opinions upon this subject, and construe the Kansas-Nebraska bill as enacting a bill "to authorize the people of Kansas to form a constitution and state government, preparatory to their admission as one of the States of the Union," in the Senate July 2, 1856, Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, black republican, submitted the following amendment to the bill (see Appendix to Congressional Globe, 1st Session 34th Congress, page 796):

And be it further enacted, That the provision in the "act to organize the territories of Nebraska and Kansas" which declares it to be "the true intent and meaning" of said act "not to exclude slavery from any territory or State, nor to exclude it therefrom, but to leave the people thereof free to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the Constitution of the United States," was intended to exclude the same with the original act, and is amended in the words of that act. Hence I should have no hesitancy in voting for it, except that it is putting on this bill a matter which does not belong to it. I know very well what the object is. It is to force on the stamp this measure to make the people believe that it is something different from what we know it to be; but I think our people are intelligent enough to understand that sort of thing.

After some further discussion, in which several Senators took part, Mr. TRUMBULL, succeeded in eliciting still further from Mr. DOUGLASS, his construction of the Kansas-Nebraska act, as follows, (same vol. page 798):

Mr. TRUMBULL. My colleague says that we who vote for this proposition declare that we are in favor of the territorial right to regulate slavery, and he hopes we shall not do it before the people. Very well, sir; I hope that if he votes against it, he will not do the same thing that he is doing to-day.

MR. DOUGLASS. I will expose that quibble in good faith, in order to end it, and as he voted in good faith, so will I. I stated that I voted against it because it was a measure to exclude slavery from the territories, and I stated that I voted against it because it was a measure to exclude slavery from the territories, and I stated that I voted against it because it was a measure to exclude slavery from the territories.

Here, it will be observed, is a perfect identity of sentiment between the two colleagues from Illinois, upon the substance of the amendment, and in the interpretation of the squatter sovereignty clause of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, representing the democratic and republican parties of

North. What do Southern democrats think of placing themselves and their interests in the hands of such leaders? What do they think of the abolition construction of the true "intent and meaning" of the Kansas-Nebraska act. The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that Congress has no right to legislate slavery into or out of the territories, but that the people have this right. With this we are satisfied. But who are the people that have this right? Is it the generous and chivalric Southerner, representing the interest, and sentiment of his section? or is it the honest and patriotic and conservative Northerner, frankly and conscientiously representing different ideas, both acting as permanent citizens and in a spirit of concord and harmony? No. It is the ignorant foreigner, doing the bidding of the most corrupt and unprincipled employers, it is the hired native who giving expression to the most violent and fanatical feelings of the bitter enemies of the South, making free States by the job, and ready and willing for a proper compensation to go from territory to territory, wherever a pro-slavery man can be found, to trample upon the rights and to crush the pretensions and just claims of the South in the new States forming in the broad public domain. Let the abolitionist, upheld as it is by Southern allies, be exposed, let the hypocrisy practiced in the name of "national democracy" be brought to the view of the masses—and let the popular will express itself in terms of unmistakable condemnation.

Gen. Zollcoffer's speech at Clarksville. CLARKVILLE, May 15, 1857.

To the Editors of the Patriot:—Gen. Zollcoffer addressed the people present at the Circuit Court here to-day.

He made a statement of facts in regard to the position taken by parties in the late Convention here upon the question as to whether voting, and in reference to his own position as a candidate for Congress, which I am sure, gave general satisfaction to the people present. Judging from the expressions made by the hearers afterwards, I think it will go far toward removing all dissatisfaction in some, what would seem to have been singularly refreshing, remarks had made the impression upon many minds, that the Davidson county delegation had acted offensively in the Convention, and that he had shown a spirit of factional distinction in becoming a candidate. These impressions I think were removed.

Such feelings had led to active efforts to get signatures to a call, for a second nominating Convention, notwithstanding that it is now no other name before the people than that. He alluded to this, and said he had the utmost disposition to defer to the feelings of any portion of his political friends, but had pursued the course taken, in view of the general reply of mutual friends to the joint proposition of himself and Gen. Quarles, at the first Convention, to adjourn without action, and call a second convention a month afterwards; which reply was that a second convention would be for the purpose of changing the time of the first. He said he had believed that the field would have been yielded to him, and that it would, in all probability, turn out to be the safest course; which could be pursued for the harmony of the party. It had turned out that there was no other name before the people but his. But there was still some dissatisfaction, and a portion of his political friends desired a second Convention.

Where such a convention called, under present circumstances, his name, he said, would be the only target to be shot at; and should there be chance for two or three little marked batteries in different localities of the district, firing on him, or prepared to fire on him in Convention, and should there be those behind them working the guns, who have a fancy that if he fell under this marked fire, one of them might step out from the cover and fire the gun of victory—he would say, that in that sort of contest he could not stand, and into such a Convention his name could not go. No man, whatever his strength, could stand a marked fire, such as under such circumstances, might be brought to bear upon him. But there was any man in the whole district who would fire on him for Congress, or who would say that he would accept a nomination, let him come out and take his position, and he would not decline to go into convention with him. 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